

**Middletown Public Schools**

**Middletown, Rhode Island**

**Wednesday, July 17, 2013**

**Michael S. Pinto Conference Room**

**2:00 p.m. - Regular School Committee Meeting**

**Members Present: Theresa Spengler, Chairman**

**Kellie DiPalma, Vice-Chairman**

**Liana Fenton**

**Paul Mankofsky left at 1700.**

**William O'Connell**

**Also Present:**

**Rosemarie K. Kraeger, Superintendent of Schools**

**Linda Savastano, Assistant Superintendent**

**Raquel Pellerin, Business Manager**

**Edward Collins, Director of Facilities**

**The meeting was called to order by Chairman Theresa Spengler at 2:00 p.m.**

**MOTION: 1) Liana Fenton, 2) Paul Mankofsky. To go into Executive**

**Session 42-46-5(a) (1). Unanimous vote.**

**Mrs. Spengler announced that no vote was taken during Executive Session.**

**The Regular School Committee Meeting was called to order at 3:45 p.m. by Chairman Theresa Spengler.**

### **SPOTLIGHT ON TEACHING AND LEARNING**

**No “Spotlight on Teaching and Learning” for July 17, 2013.**

### **PROCLAMATIONS/AWARDS**

**No “Proclamations/Awards” for July 17, 2013.**

### **STUDENT ACTIVITIES**

**No “Student Activities” for June 20, 2013.**

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## **INFORMATION**

**Mrs. Kraeger noted the following items of information:**

- Resolution regarding regionalization with accompanying letter from Town Council Members Barbara VonVillas and Richard Adams.**
- Registration ad from Newport Daily News.**

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

**No “Correspondence” for July 17, 2013.**

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

**MOTION: 1) Kellie DiPalma, 2) Liana Fenton. To approve the Consent Agenda. Unanimous vote.**

- Approval of Minutes of June 18, 2013 Budget Workshop**
- Approval of Minutes of June 20, 2013 School Committee Meeting**

**Vouchers 6/11/2013 to 7/9/2013**

**Voucher Number Date Total****1419 6/11/2013 \$165,950.88****1428 6/12/2013 \$1,879.51****1427 6/12/2013 \$1,080.00****1426 6/12/2013 \$12,069.50****1425 6/12/2013 \$63,048.18****1430 6/14/2013 \$175,248.44****1429 6/14/2013 \$808.00****1432 6/17/2013 \$3,625.00****1431 6/17/2013 \$2,085.00****1436 6/18/2013 \$1,009.84****1435 6/18/2013 \$12,144.00****1434 6/18/2013 \$1,376.00****1433 6/18/2013 \$737.00****1438 6/19/2013 \$601.46****1437 6/19/2013 \$102,096.57****1440 6/24/2013 \$5,549.01****1439 6/24/2013 \$14,629.50****1443 6/25/2013 \$1,733.15****1442 6/25/2013 \$3,386.11****1441 6/25/2013 \$7,105.00****1451 6/27/2013 \$430.00****1444 6/27/2013 \$179,340.15****1456 6/28/2013 \$658.11****1455 6/28/2013 \$4,025.61****1454 6/28/2013 \$2,721.09**

**1453 6/28/2013 \$197.36**

**1452 6/28/2013 \$19,215.81**

**1000 7/3/2013 \$1,200.00**

**Total \$783,950.28**

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION ON PERSONNEL**

### **APPOINTMENTS AS OF SEPTEMBER 3, 2013**

**Christine Clancey Guidance Counselor, Middletown High School**

**Christopher Richards Director of Humanities, Middletown High School**

### **APPOINTMENTS**

**Karen Massaro Athletic Director, as of July 17, 2013**

**Jamie Long Summer Technology Assistant, as of June 17, 2013**

**Kathryn Dupere Summer Camp Program Assistant, as of May 20, 2013**

**Ashlyn Lavoie Summer Intern Business Office, as of May 31, 2013**

**James Maurer Part-Time Temporary Tennis Instructor, as July 9, 2013**

**Joshua Bucci Part-Time Custodian, as of July 1, 2013**

### **SUMMER CAMP APPOINTMENTS AS OF JUNE 26, 2013**

**Charles Russ Summer Camp Site Manager**

**Anthony Geer Summer Camp Site Manager**  
**Victor Peabody Summer Camp Counselor**  
**Dylan Atibagos Summer Camp Counselor**  
**Douglas Rascoe Summer Camp Counselor**  
**Kenleigh Hebel Summer Camp Counselor**  
**Michael Wood Summer Camp Counselor**

**K-8 MOST SUMMER INTERVENTION TEACHER APPOINTMENTS, AS  
OF JULY 8, 2013**

**Stephanie Boocock MOST Summer Intervention Teacher**  
**Julie Carlisle MOST Summer Intervention Teacher**  
**Cassandra Donoian MOST Summer Intervention Teacher**  
**Renee Fagan MOST Summer Intervention Teacher**  
**Kimberly Lanowy MOST Summer Intervention Teacher**  
**Kayla Parker MOST Summer Intervention Teacher**  
**Michael Penza MOST Summer Intervention Teacher**  
**Debra Prentiss MOST Summer Intervention Teacher**  
**Dena Silvia MOST Summer Intervention Teacher**  
**Kimberly Smith MOST Summer Intervention Teacher**  
**Lori Call MOST Summer Intervention Teacher**

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## **9-12 MOST CREDIT RECOVERY TEACHERS, AS OF JULY 15, 2013**

**Alexandra Armstrong MOST Credit Recovery Teacher**

**Michael Penza MOST Credit Recovery Teacher**

**Randy Forst MOST Credit Recovery Teacher**

**Trina Bona MOST Credit Recovery Teacher**

**Matthew Guerra MOST Credit Recovery Teacher**

## **RESCIND REQUEST FOR LEAVE FOR 2013-2014 SCHOOL YEAR**

**Dana Ramey Spanish Teacher, Middletown High School**

## **RESIGNATION AS OF JULY 4, 2013**

**Michael Kerrigan Math Teacher, J.H. Gaudet School**

## **RESIGNATION AS OF JULY 16, 2013**

**Karen Kotze School Bus Monitor**

## **RESIGNATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF RETIREMENT AT THE END OF THE 2012-2013 SCHOOL YEAR**

**Janice Roehr Grade 5 Teacher, J.H. Gaudet School**

# **RESIGNATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF RETIREMENT AS OF SEPTEMBER 25, 2013**

**Susan Fitzmorris English Teacher, Middletown High School**

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **RECONSIDER VOTE**

**MOTION: 1) Kellie DiPalma, 2) Liana Fenton. That the School Committee rescind the vote on the extension of the contract to Ocean State Transit. Unanimous vote.**

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## **CONTRACTS**

**MOTION: 1) Kellie DiPalma, 2) Liana Fenton. That the School Committee extend the Superintendent of Schools contract through June 30, 2016. Unanimous vote.**

**MOTION: 1) Kellie DiPalma, 2) Liana Fenton. That the School Committee extend the Assistant Superintendent of Schools contract**



**through June 30, 2016. Unanimous vote.**

**MOTION: 1) Kellie DiPalma, 2) Liana Fenton. That the School Committee extend the Business Manager contract through June 30, 2016. Unanimous vote.**

**MOTION: 1) Kellie DiPalma, 2) Liana Fenton. That the School Committee extend the Director of Facilities contract through June 30, 2016. Unanimous vote.**

**MOTION: 1) Kellie DiPalma, 2) Liana Fenton. That the School Committee extend the contract of Gail Abromitis through June 30, 2016. Unanimous vote.**

**MOTION: 1) Kellie DiPalma, 2) Liana Fenton. That the School Committee extend the contract of Andrew Longo through June 30, 2016. Unanimous vote.**

**MOTION: 1) Kellie DiPalma, 2) Liana Fenton. That the School Committee extend the contract of Michael Mancieri through June 30, 2016. Unanimous vote.**

**MOTION: 1) Kellie DiPalma, 2) Liana Fenton. That the School Committee extend the contract of Linda Beaupre through June 30, 2016. Unanimous vote.**

**MOTION: 1) Kellie DiPalma, 2) Liana Fenton. That the School Committee extend the contract of Michelle Fonseca through June 30th. Unanimous vote.**

**MOTION: 1) Kellie DiPalma, 2) Liana Fenton. That the School Committee extend the contract of Stephen Ponte through June 30th. Unanimous vote.**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- Key Communicators Program – A few more Key Communicators have been added. Updates are being sent out regularly.**

- Safety Update – All updates from the safety audit walkthroughs were received from the police and are being reviewed with building principals. Mrs. Fenton asked about fire inspections. They are completed before school starts. Mr. Mankofsky asked about the starter pistol. It is kept in a locked closet. Mrs. Kraeger will follow up on this.**

- Shared Services – Email communication between Portsmouth and Newport is taking place. Meetings are now being arranged.**

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## **NEW BUSINESS**

•**Core Committee** – The first meeting was held on July 9th. The meeting date was accelerated because whatever plan came forward would have an effect on the impact fee meeting, which was initially scheduled for July but has been moved to October. Town Council Member Richard Adams would like to get all parties together to discuss what a regional high school would look like. Mr. Adams would like a model created, but doesn't think the Core Committee is the right place to create this. Mrs. Kraeger said the individuals on the Core Committee have a good vision and it is the place to create the idea. Mrs. Spengler said that Middletown has had this idea for years and that they are not against regionalization, but it has to evolve. Mrs. Spengler said the governance part is important. There is no sense in creating the model without having the people on board. Mr. Mankofsky fully supports a model for a regional high school. At the next Core Committee Meeting, we need to look into regionalization further. Working together is critical.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS**

•**CURRICULUM** – The Summer School Intervention Program is taking

place. There are 100 students working on targeted interventions. Elementary classes are held in the morning and grades 9-12 are held in the evening. Title I, Title III and McKinney Vento dollars are being used. Students will be screened at the end of the program to make sure there has been growth. The focus is on reading, writing, and math.

School classifications have been received and will be shared next month.

Together with EBEC, districts will be moving forward with assessment literacy PD. Title II funds are being used.

A grant has been submitted regarding the student racing challenge grant – “Ten80”. This would allow the district to expand the robotics program.

- FINANCIAL** – There are 17 days until the close of the fiscal year. The Business Office is currently working on finalizing payments and receivables. There has been discussion with the Town Finance Director to go for amendments in the second or third week in August.

- FACILITIES** – There have been 1845 work orders completed this school year and 1087 permits, which is over 5000 events for the year. Paving is taking place at the high school. The back gate had to be opened for access to the building, which has created issues with

neighbors. The light project at Gaudet is on-going. The old bleachers at Middletown High School have been removed. The new bleachers will be delivered the end of August. The cleaning of the buildings is continuing.

**MOTION: 1) Kellie DiPalma, 2) William O'Connell. That the School Committee receive the Superintendent's Reports. Unanimous vote. (Minutes of July 17, 2013 School Committee Meeting, Page Seven)**

## **REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES**

Mrs. Spengler expressed her condolences to the family of Larry Nunes.

## **ADJOURN FROM MEETING**

**MOTION: 1)Kellie DiPalma, 2) Liana Fenton. To adjourn from the School Committee Meeting at 5:07 p.m. Unanimous vote.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Rosemarie K. Kraeger, Clerk**